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Huntsville mayor visits AMC

Huntsville, Ala., Mayor Loretta Spencer recently visited Headquarters, Army Materiel Command, Fort Belvoir, Va., to tour the facility and meet the AMC workforce.

Approximately 100 AMC employees gathered for the mayor's town hall, which was designed to inform AMC employees about the Huntsville community and answer their questions.

"This is only the beginning, the first step. I want to put your minds at ease on what Huntsville is," said Spencer.

ARDEC wins top performance award

The Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., is the first winner of the Army's top award for organizational performance excellence, Secretary of the Army Francis J. Harvey announced Dec. 16.

The Gold Award is presented each year to the organization whose overall performance and improvement efforts were, in the opinion of a panel of select judges, the best in the Army.

Army, Marine Corps team improve howitzer

A joint Picatinny-Alcoa, Howmet-BAE Systems team has developed an improved buffer yoke titanium investment casting for the M777A1 155mm Lightweight Towed Howitzer that was developed at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

"The work we've done in developing specifications and manufacturing processes for titanium castings is paving the way for follow-on systems like the Future Combat System," said the program's business manager Martin Kane.

The extensive use of titanium casting has enabled the new M777A1 to be 7,000 pounds lighter than the existing M198 weapon it will replace. The M777A1 will also incorporate an advanced digital fire control system and be the 155 mm artillery system for the Marine Corps and the Army's Stryker Brigade Combat Teams.

The buffer yoke has also been included in the Investment Casting Institute's traveling exhibit.

PBCDF begins system enhancement

The Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility, Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark., will replace piping in its pollution abatement system during the next several months in order to enhance the overall efficiency of the system.

The current fiberglass resin pipe will replace piping made from a metallic alloy that is similar to stainless steel. During the enhancement of the PAS, neither rockets nor agent will be processed. GB rocket disposal operations are expected to resume in May, once the piping replacement is complete.

Did you know...

Army Materiel Command has redesigned its monthly **Command Post** newsletter. The new and improved publication can be found at <http://www.amc.army.mil/amc/pa/newsltr.html>.

AMC has also created an AMC News Service for news and story submissions. The news service will be used to send AMC and subordinate command information Army-wide. To submit your installation's information send an e-mail to AMCNewsService@HQAMC-EXCHG.ARMY.MIL.

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